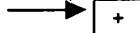


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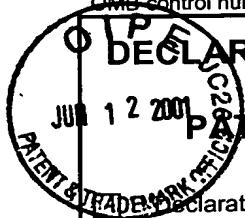


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**TUNABLE DYNAMIC GAIN FLATTENING FILTER USING POLARIZATION
DELAYS**

(Title of the Invention)

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Wayne V.				SORIN			
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The undersigned ASSIGNEE of the entire interest in:

U.S. Patent No. _____
 U.S. application no. 09/811,146, filed on 03/15/01

hereby appoints the following attorneys of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati:

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and all Wilson Sonsini Goodrich & Rosati attorneys registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office, to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith and hereby revokes all prior powers of attorney; said appointment to be to the exclusion of the inventors and the inventors' attorneys in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 3.71.

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ASSIGNMENT OF APPLICATION	Docket Number 21501-729
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Whereas, the undersigned:

1. SORIN, Wayne V.
Mountain View, CA

hereinafter termed "Inventors", have invented certain new and useful improvements in

TUNABLE DYNAMIC GAIN FLATTENING FILTER USING POLARIZATION DELAYS

for which an application for United States Patent was filed on 03/15/01, Application No. 09/811,146
 for which an application for a United States Patent was executed on , and

WHEREAS, Novera Optics, Inc., a corporation, having a place of business at 401 Charcot Avenue, San Jose, CA 95131, (hereinafter termed "Assignee"), is desirous of acquiring the entire right, title and interest in and to said application and the invention disclosed therein, and in and to all embodiments of the invention, heretofore conceived, made or discovered jointly or severally by said Inventors (all collectively hereinafter termed "said invention"), and in and to any and all patents, inventor's certificates and other forms of protection (hereinafter termed "patents") thereon granted in the United States and foreign countries.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of good and valuable consideration acknowledged by said Inventors to have been received in full from said Assignee:

1. Said Inventors do hereby sell, assign, transfer and convey unto said Assignee the entire right, title and interest (a) in and to said application and said invention; (b) in and to all rights to apply for foreign patents on said invention pursuant to the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or otherwise; (c) in and to any and all applications filed and any and all patents granted on said invention in the United States or any foreign country, including each and every application filed and each and every patent granted on any application which is a divisional, substitution, continuation, or continuation-in-part of any of said applications; and (d) in and to each and every reissue or extensions of any of said patents.

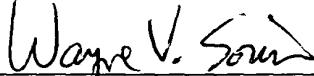
2. Said Inventors hereby jointly and severally covenant and agree to cooperate with said Assignee to enable said Assignee to enjoy to the fullest extent the right, title and interest herein conveyed in the United States and foreign countries. Such cooperation by said Inventors shall include prompt production of pertinent facts and documents, giving of testimony, execution of petitions, oaths, specifications, declarations or other papers, and other assistance all to the extent deemed necessary or desirable by said Assignee (a) for perfecting in said Assignee the right, title and interest herein conveyed; (b) for prosecuting any of said applications; (c) for filing and prosecuting substitute, divisional, continuing or additional applications covering said invention; (d) for filing and prosecuting applications for reissuance of any said patents; (e) for interference or other priority proceedings involving said invention; and (f) for legal proceedings involving said invention and any applications therefor and any patents granted thereon, including without limitation reissues and reexaminations, opposition proceedings, cancellation proceedings, priority contests, public use proceedings, infringement actions and court actions; provided, however, that the expense incurred by said Inventors in providing such cooperation shall be paid for by said Assignee.

3. The terms and covenants of this assignment shall inure to the benefit of said Assignee, its successors, assigns and other legal representatives, and shall be binding upon said Inventors, their respective heirs, legal representatives and assigns.

4. Said Inventors hereby jointly and severally warrant and represent that they have not entered and will not enter into any assignment, contract, or understanding in conflict herewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, said Inventors have executed and delivered this instrument to said Assignee as of the dates written below:

Date: 4/17/01


Wayne V. SORIN